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This report was received PP-1 and is based on information taken from official files.

Field Comment: There are no local traces on individuals mentioned in the attached report with the following exceptions:

1. Dr. Hugo KITTEL is the leading British intelligence agent in Austria, according to local files. He is known as a confederate of Richard KAUDER and Viktor ALTNER, the latter known as an intelligence agent under cover of an import-export firm in Frankfurt.

2. USPA files list Johann SCHWANINGER as having been an illegal member of the NSDAP between 1933 and 1938; no other information is given.

3. Local files give no additional information on Michael AIGNER, other than listing him as a former NSDAP member.

4. Local CIC files list Franz HOPFER as born 25 September 1919 in Scharding, and a former member of the Reich's Arbeit Dienst. He was screened by CIC in May 1946 for Sicherheits Direktion; a check at that time proved negative.

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5. SOB and USFA files hold a considerable amount of material on Richard KAUDER aka KLATT all of which verifies his activities with various intelligence services. He was born 6 September 1900, is an Austrian citizen, resides in St. Gilgen at Lainstrasse 38. His office address is Schwarzsstrasse 30, Walsburg, where he heads an import-export firm, a cover for his intelligence activities which are believed to be mainly for RIG.

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1. On 1 April 1951, Dr. Hugo KITTEL, born 2 November 1898 in Simburg, CSZ, Austrian citizen, unmarried, Roman Catholic, opened a private "Detective and Information Bureau" with office at Judengasse 15, in Salzburg. He holds licenses (a) V-620-1952, issued on 14 March 1952 by the Salzburg Land Government, (b) V-101-1953, issued on 12 February 1953, and (c) I-1/21/1953, issued by the Salzburg Mayor's office. Early in 1953 KITTEL moved his office to Leonhard-von-Keutschachstrasse 49, phone 4735. His partner is one Ernst FINK, born 8 May 1924 in Vienna, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, married to Gabriele. Fink's mother, Maria Fink, born 27 September 1931 in Salzburg, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, residence in Salzburg, Himmels-gasse 5 c/o KITTEL. Fink's mother, Maria Fink, born 12 May 1911 in Ebnbach, residence in Salzburg. Ignaz Harterstrasse 85, his wife Gabriele, and one Johann SCHWANINGER were registered by KITTEL as his employees. SCHWANINGER, born 25 June 1919 in Franking, Upper Austria, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, married, residence in Salzburg, Weberstrasse 6, formerly was Oberwachtsmeister with Salzburg Law Courts.
2. The following persons are registered with Salzburg police as living at the house Leonhard-von-Keutschachstrasse 49:
 - Michael Aigner, born 31 May 1899 in Ainetten, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, divorced.
 - Hilde GEMLINGER, nee ROBLICH, born 29 May 1912 in Salzburg, Austrian citizen, divorced, son Gerhard, born 29 December 1942 in Salzburg.
 - Franz HOFER, editor, born 25 September 1918 in Scharding, Upper Austria, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, and his wife Herta, nee SIKOVICH, born 28 March 1924 in St. Johann/Pongau, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic; two sons: Alfred, born 28 January 1947, and Herbert, born 3 August 1949.

Emerich LAYAY, born 31 July 1911 in Szekesfalva, Hungary. Catholic, Roman Catholic, former address (until 7 March 1953) Salzburg, Schenckgasse 21.

Michael ST. SCHNEIDER-RICHNER, born 21 August 1902 in Ustianova (sic), Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic.

1. Ing. Adolf MITTEL, brother of Dr. Hugo MITTEL, born 5 November 1900 in Vienna, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, and his wife Helene, nee WILNER, born 24 January 1901 in Vienna, Austrian citizen; son Adolf Bernhard, born 8 September 1934. The licenses (a) I-1/al/51, dated 8 October 1951 for a trade agency, (b) I-1/al/51, dated 17 May 1951, for a technical bureau, (c) I-1/al/51, dated 15 May 1952, for trade with all free-market articles, have been issued by the Salzburg Mayor's office to Adolf MITTEL.

3. Other commercial licenses issued by the Salzburg Mayor's office to Dr. Hugo MITTEL are:

(a) I-1g-2414/45, dated 11 April 1946, for a trade agency.

(b) I-1a 1/48, dated 27 February 1948, for trade with all free-market articles.

(c) I-1a 1/48, dated 7 April 1948, for trade with electro-technical articles and installations.

(d) I-1a 3/48, dated 17 December 1948, for a financial information bureau called "EURGA".

4. Above "EURGA - Interventions und Verwertungs-gesellschaft" became a partnership on 18 August 1951 between

(a) Dr. Hugo MITTEL

(b) Wilens Carl van der LYE, a merchant by profession, born 17 June 1894 in Sternberg, Boh., Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, parents Carl and Anna, wife Hilde, nee TOGEL, born 27 April 1911 in Kratzenau, C.S. Van der LYE holds Austrian passport no. 2200/47 issued on 12 August 1947 by Vienna Police Headquarters. On 3 November 1950 he moved from Vienna to Salzburg, Elisabethstrasse 28 c/o WERNDL; his permanent address is Vienna XVII, Leopold Ernstgasse 15.

The office of "M.G.", too, is at Leonhard-von-
autschnerstrasse 49, phone 27568. Purpose of this firm
is the intermediation of all sorts of private business
in Austria and abroad. In his application for "MORGA"
KITTEL states that his partner van der WIS, a former
air force captain and manager of a machine yard including
a repair shop for airplanes and automobiles, then banker,
film and insurance expert, has put his connections with
noted industrial and commercial enterprises at "MORGA's"
disposal, whereas KITTEL himself would make use of his
connections with various firms abroad whose representative
he is in Austria. These firms are:

BACQUIN Ltd., import and export, Santiago de Chile.
BERGNER Richard, machine factory, Schwabach, Germany.
J. BIRD-MOYER Corp. Inc., dental factory, Philadelphia.
BREIT WBAUGH, ribbon factory, Solothurn, Switzerland.
C. BRUNA-SILB & Co., textile factory, Torino, Italy.
CASTIGLIA Aldo, cotton expert, Milan, Italy.
CAVUSOGLU Ibrahim, import and export, Istanbul, Turkey.
COMPANIA MERYLANE S.R.L., import, Buenos Aires.
CONCORDIA, machine factory, Stuttgart, Germany.
DITWYLER A.S., insulation factory, Uri, Switzerland.
Usine DECOCK FRERES, Fayt-les-Mangee Belgium.
DISOVIC- AVUBADRIA, F. here, import and export, Trieste.
EFASC, import and export, Milan Italy.
EISENGHNER Fritz, electroworks, Loesburg, Upper Bavaria.
ENGELS Sons, steel goods production, Remscheid, Germany.
HEK Killy, feed expert, Altstätten, canton St. Gallen,
Switzerland.
FABIAN Pablo, postage stamp trade, Mexico, D.F.
FZI & Co., org. lacquer factory, St. Margarethen, Switzer-
land
FRENHOLS-APFELATE G.m.b.H., Berlin-Schöneberg.

FILIPPO Federico, yarn fabrication, Milan, Italy.
Z.B.FORD, paper factory, London.
FORGES & ATELIERS de Constructions Electriques de Jonment,
France.
J.A.GARAY & Comp, dental factory, Philadelphia.
MESS Ernst, electro-technical specialties, Basel.
ISTRADO de Mexico, Dr. Federico MARIAS, Mexico, D.F.
ISOLA Works, Breitenbach, on ten Holzturn, Switzerland.
M. KROKOFF, import and export, Lima Peru.
ENG SHU & Co., hair-net manufacture, Hongkong.
Guy LOUIS & EsVI, tailors, Paris.
A. MANNESMANN, machine and tool factory, household, Germany.
MERCAANTIL, food export, Trieste.
METZAWATT A.G., Nuremberg, Germany.
J.M. MEYER, toy factory, London.
MICAPIL A.G., Zurich-Altstetten.
MITSA Jordanka, toy factory, Sofia.
GERLIKON machine factory, Zurich-Jerliken.
RASNEY S.A. Co., Tel Aviv, Israel.
RAYNAUD Alfred, leather works, Masseret, France.
SCHLUTER & Co. Alfred, G.m.b.H., insulation factory, Hannover.
SONNECHANDT Dr. Theodor, chemical factory, Munich.
SIEMENS-SCHUCKERT works, Erlangen, Germany.
TEXTILES & TRATILES, S.A., textile factory, Milan.
VITTA & Co., import, Cairo.
WILD Heinrich, geodetic instruments, Surbrugg, Switzerland.

• General:

Dr. Hugo KITTAL originally was a Polizeiberkominister.
Fired by the Nazis in 1938, he became employed by the
Vienna Gerald & Co. printing house and later was chief of
this firm's Budapest branch. In summer 1943 he started

working for German Wehr and was shortly later transferred to Sofia where he became acquainted with Ing. Richard LAUBER. In 1944 he moved to Bulgaria together with LAUBER. In the final stage of the war he was arrested by the Germans who suspected him of collaboration with Western Powers. After the war he settled in Leipzig and became a business man. KICTEL was repeatedly reported to be engaged in intelligence, mainly working for CIA. He is said to be a homosexual.